

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-307

22 May 2025

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

Please can you provide the following information in relation to your expenditure over the last financial year (2024/25) of Medical Locum Doctors via off-framework suppliers:

1. Number of hours filled?

This is commercially sensitive information and will not be shared at an organisational level.

Section 43 of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. Therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

2. Broken down by grade/specialty?

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3. Off-framework agencies used during this period including the total spend for each agency?

Supreme Locums Ltd - £419,479.02

4. Highest off-framework charge rate (including detail of grade/specialty)?

£167.69 (£148.44 Charge rate + £19.25 NI) Acute Consultant

5. Average off-framework charge rates per grade/specialty (if available)?

£164.44 per hour (£145.61 Charge rate + £18.84 NI) Acute Consultant

6. Contact details for the member of staff / department responsible for on-boarding Doctor agencies?

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This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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